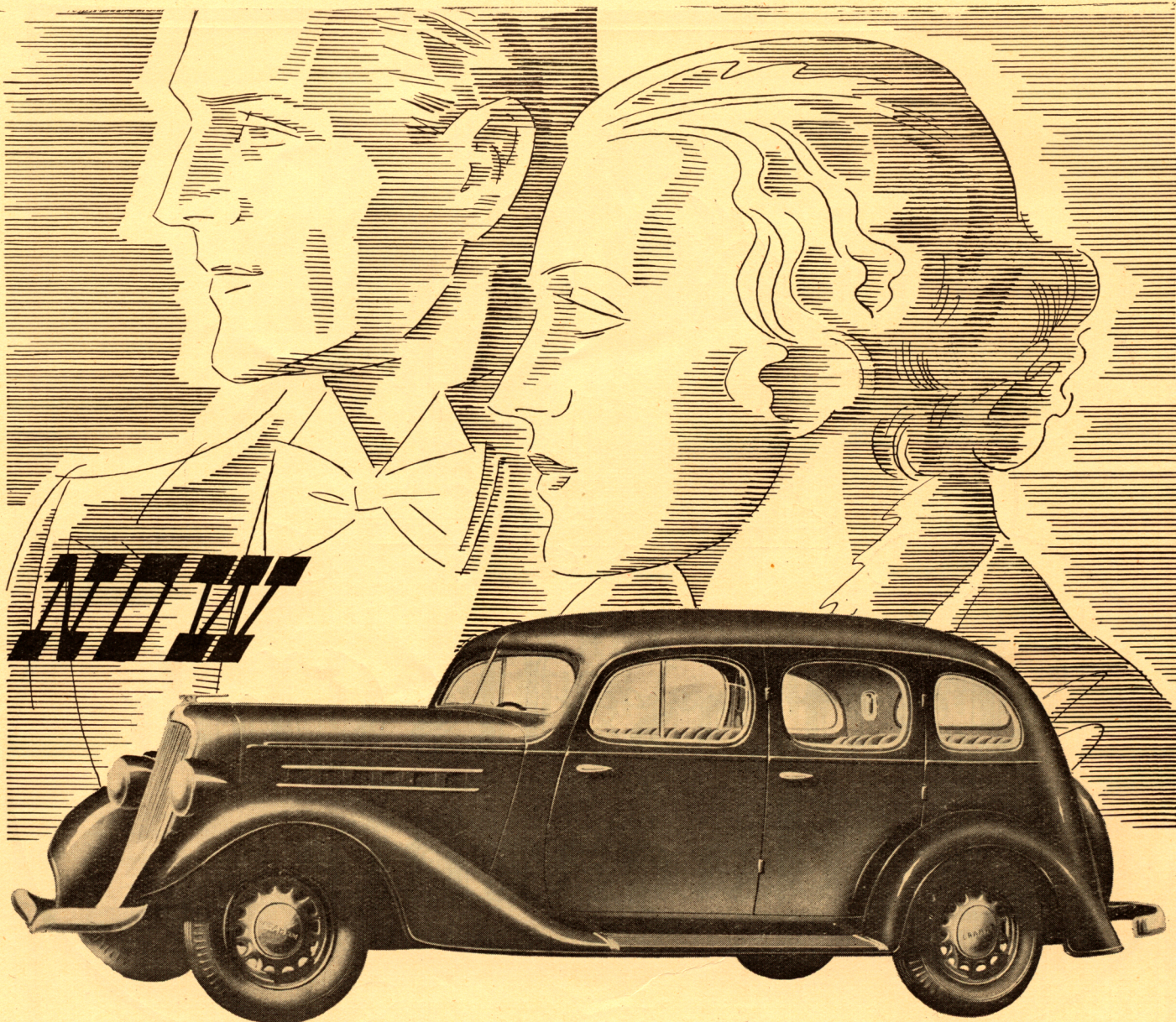


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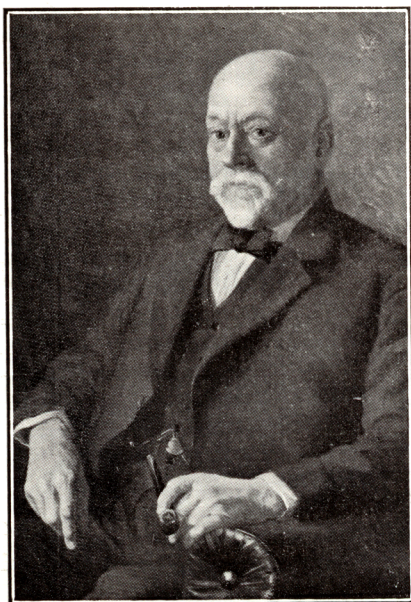
The Club conducts four days racing each year at Randwick Racecourse, and its long association with the Turf may be judged from the fact that Tattersall's Club Cup was first run at Randwick on New Year's Day, 1868.

The Club's next Race Meeting at Randwick will be held on 14th September, 1935.

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# The Club Man's Diary

Next to our wedding day, perhaps, our day of days in the 365—Sundays and all gazetted holidays included—is our birthday. We think, or should think, of the handsome child we really turned out, favouring mother, with early evidence of father's foibles; how we failed horribly to live up to early form, and, as the years rolled on, were



*Mr. James Barnes.*

rescued, in the nick of time, by some self-sacrificing woman from spending our money foolishly and, generally, making a mess of things.

In fact, such recollections would be apt to depress us were it not that the family and friends rally on our birthday and assure us that it's all wrong. Really, we are jolly good fellows.

Thus, we raise our glasses—if we haven't raised them already—to Mr. James Barnes, who celebrated one of many such occasions on June 11.

At a happy Club gathering his health was proposed by the Chairman (Mr. W. W. Hill), and supported by Sir Colin Stephen (A.J.C. Chairman), Mr. J. H. S. Angus (Deputy President, R.A.S.), and Mr. C. H. Crammond (N.S.W. Trotting Club).

Fill 'em up again for July 31, when Mr. J. H. Buxton celebrates.

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Mr. Harold Nossiter, of Dalgety's, and his son, will leave on July 14 for a long world cruise in a yacht which some time ago took the water amid great rejoicing, and whose magnificent lines impressed such old salts as Sir Alexander MacCormick—who has sailed his own yacht out from England—and Dr. Scot Skirving, who, in his early days, served before the mast, and recently penned for one of Sydney's newspapers a brilliant article on Sydney's era of sail.

Mr. Nossiter is one of Sydney's greatest helmsmen, and has been for years. This voyage holds for him the lure of a Derby day to us landlubbers, and we wish him bon voyage.

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New members include Dr. Howard Bullock, great Rugby Union forward of the past, Dr. Joseph Coen, Major Blair Wark, V.C., Mr. Bertie Peacock, new Secretary of Moorefield, and Mr. J. B. Ferrier, Secretary of Manly Golf Club and father of the famous Jim, Australia's greatest golfer, a youth unspoiled by his spectacular successes. Gentlemen, you are welcome.

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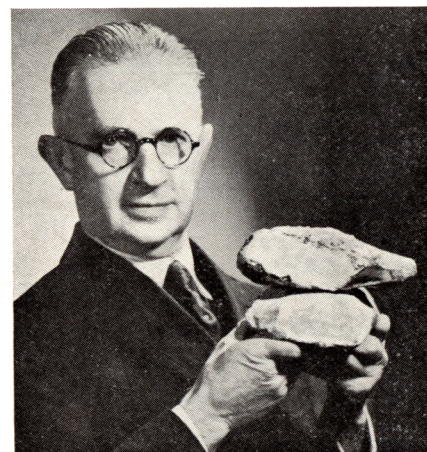
## AU REVOIR.

"The two Reg's" was the popular toast at a happy gathering in the club's private dining room on June 27. The occasion was an au-revoir gathering when Messrs. Reg. Blue and Reg. Dansey were tendered the heartiest of good wishes before they departed on a holiday trip by the Neptuna to the East. Apparently a number of the speakers felt the East a' calling, too, even though it will not be cherry blossom time in Japan. Mr. J. H. O'Dea, who presided, emphasised the cordial good wishes which went with both of the guests, their popularity with club-members, and their credit to the ranks of bookmakers. He was most ably supported by members of the club committee in

Messrs. J. A. Roles, J. H. Saunders, and G. Marlow. Messrs. Roles and Saunders spoke with real knowledge of the East and of the pleasures in store for the travellers. Mr. J. Dowling, Jr., representing the racing clubs, expressed his appreciation of the guests of the gathering and a wish common to all that they would return with added health and strength. Mr. H. Hourigan, while not overlooking the high standard of Messrs. Dansey and Blue, recalled to members the distinction the Hon. John Dunningham had conferred on the bookmaking profession by his record as a Cabinet Minister, this as a tribute to the general quality of bookmakers as citizens. Good wishes and "bon voyage" were also extended to the travellers by Messrs. Gus Mooney and T. O'Brien, representing City Tattersall's Club, N. McKenna (the trainers), E. Moss and G. Chiene (owners and commissioners), A. Bloomfield, D. Levy, L. Bloom, and L. Schwartz (bookmakers) and H. S. Warburton (Press).

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Mr. Percy Marks had the good wishes of very many friends for a



*Mr. Percy Marks, owner of two of the largest pieces of opal in existence, shown above and weighing 9,512 carats and 6,805 carats, respectively.*

rapid and complete recovery from his recent illness. He is one of Sydney's best-liked sportsmen and man about town. Percy, here's looking towards you, in bumpers.

Behind the fortunes of every great horse is a great trainer—just as every genius, at some stage, has had a nursemaid whose influence has made all the difference between success and failure. So, however, our bets may be placed, we wish the unassuming Frank McGrath a good spin with Peter Pan in his effort to



Mr. C. F. P. Millar, who left by the "Otranto" on the 22nd June, on a business trip to the United Kingdom and the Continent.

make turf history by landing a third Melbourne Cup.

We read in McAndrew's Hymn: "I hae no doot o' th' machine—but what about th' man?" Frank McGrath is the man, all right.

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I have heard many enquiries about the health of the kindly Lionel Court-

enay, Senator elect for New South Wales. He is waging a game fight for life.

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Carwoola, mentioned in connection with the recent Sydney Sheep Show, recalls the famous racehorse, Yattendon, winner of the first Sydney Cup. He was bought as a colt on the Clarence River, by the late Mr. E. McEvilly, and carried his colours in the Cup, but was acquired about that time by the late Mr. Thomas Rutledge, then owner of Carwoola.

To-day the colours are in the possession of the McEvilly brothers, sons of Mr. E. McEvilly, and the Cup is in the possession of the grandson of the late Mr. Thomas Rutledge—Col. Tom Rutledge, of Gidleigh station, Bungendore, who is a member of the Sheep Show Committee. Years ago, he was President of the Sheeppbreeders' Association, and before that, represented Goulburn, as a Country Party man, in the State Parliament.

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## Inter-Club Games Competition

2nd June, 1935, Results.

*Masonic Club v. City Tattersall's Club.*

(Played at the Masonic Club).

Bridge:—Masonic Club won by 1637 points.

Billiards:—Masonic Club won by 2 games to 1.

Dominoes:—Masonic Club won by 6 games to 3.

Snooker:—City Tattersall's Club won by 3 games to nil.

*Commercial Traveller's Association v. Tattersall's Club.*

(Played at the Commercial Travellers' Club).

Bridge:—Commercial Travellers' Association won by forfeit.

Billiards:—Commercial Travellers' Association won by 3 games to nil.

Dominoes:—Tattersall's Club won by 5 games to 4.

Snooker:—Tattersall's Club won by 3 games to nil.

*Competition points to date:—*

City Tattersall's Club, 10 points;  
Masonic Club, 10 points; Tattersall's Club, 8 points; Commercial Travellers' Association, 4 points.

The games will be continued on the 4th July, proximo, when the masonic Club will be the guests of Tattersall's Club, and the Commercial Travellers' Association will be the guests of City Tattersall's Club.

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# TATTERSALL'S CLUB

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September Race Meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1935

## PROGRAMME

### THE TRIAL HURDLE RACE.

A Handicap of £250; second £50, third £25 from the prize. For horses which, at time of starting, have not won a hurdle race or steeplechase of the value of £150 to the winner. The winner of any hurdle race or steeplechase, after the declaration of weights, to carry 7 lbs. penalty. Nomination 10/-; acceptance 10/-.

About One Mile and Five Furlongs.

### THE NOVICE HANDICAP.

A Handicap of £300; second £50, third £25 from the prize. For all horses which have not won a race on the flat (Maiden Races excepted) exceeding £50 in value to the winner up to the time of running. Nomination £1; acceptance £2.

One Mile and a Quarter.

### THE TRAMWAY HANDICAP.

A Handicap of £500; second £100, third £50 from the prize. Nomination £1; acceptance £4.

Seven Furlongs.

### THE CHELMSFORD STAKES.

(Weight-for-age with penalties and allowances, for horses three-years-old and upwards).

Of £1,000; second £150, third £100 from the prize. Horses that have won a weight-for-age or special weight race exceeding £400 in value to the winner to carry 7 lbs. extra. Horses not having, at time of starting, won a handicap exceeding £150 in value to the winner allowed: Three years, 7 lbs.; four years and upwards, 14 lbs.; maiden three-year-olds, 10 lbs.; maiden four-year-olds and upwards, 20 lbs. Winners of weight-for-age or special weight races not entitled to any allowance. Nomination £1; acceptance £9.

One Mile and a Furlong.

### THE SPRING HANDICAP.

A Handicap of £500; second £100, third £50 from the prize. Nomination £1; acceptance £4.

One Mile and a Quarter.

### THE WELTER HANDICAP.

A Handicap of £300; second £50, third £25 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight 7 st. 7 lbs. Nomination £1; acceptance £2.

One Mile.

Nominators will be liable for Acceptance Fees for all horses not scratched before 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 12th September, 1935.

A.J.C. Rules of Racing, By-laws and Regulations to be observed.

Entries for the above races are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney; the Secretary, N.J.C., Newcastle; or Mr. M. P. Considine, 491 Bourke Street, Melbourne, before 4 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1935.

Weights to be declared on such day as the Committee may appoint.

If entries are made by telegram, the amount of Nomination Fee must be wired.

Penalties.—In all flat races (the Chelmsford Stakes excepted) a penalty on the following scale shall be carried by the winner of a handicap flat race after the declaration of weights, viz.: When the value of the prize to the winner is £50 or under, 3 lbs.; over £50 and not more than £100, 5 lbs.; over £100, 7 lbs.

Owners and Trainers must declare penalties incurred and claim allowances due at date when making entries.

The Committee of Tattersall's Club reserve the right to refuse any entry.

Nomination Fee must accompany each entry.

The Committee reserve the power from time to time to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the date of running, the sequence of the races, time of starting, and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances.

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T. T. MANNING,  
Secretary.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1935.

# PLATES OR TIPS

## Wet Weather Footwear

Wet days at Randwick and soft tracks elsewhere have revived the question of plates and tips, and footwear for horses generally in bad weather.

Although opinions amongst trainers vary to a degree, the average opinion is that shoes selected for muddy days should be governed by conditions.



Mr. R. Wootton.

In effect what would be efficient and give a good grip on the loose sandy courses would not be to the greatest advantage in soft and sticky ground with a clay formation.

Mr. Richard Wootton, who has had much experience with tracks at home and abroad, pointed out first and foremost that in England, the really bad conditions of the winter did not worry leading trainers simply because there was no flat-racing. During the worst of the winter the National Hunt is in complete possession of the racing scene. If, however, a wet and sticky track had to be encountered during the flat-racing season, and raced on, he favoured strongly the use of

tips only. These gave the necessary toe-grip to horses and still left the feet free. Plates, on the contrary, suited best, loose sandy conditions. This soil fell away and the plates gave the better grip. Plates on a clay surface were a disadvantage. They picked up the soil which caked in the centre of the foot until only a flat surface was presented with no grip at all. In extreme cases the soil would form into a slight ball from the caked earth in the centre of the feet, proving a real handicap.

For a course with a sandy soil like that at Randwick plates would be of no disadvantage. It was noticed at a recent meeting, when the course was in bad order, that the winners were shod in about equal proportions, half tips, half plates.

Mr. J. M. Cameron, who knows New Zealand and its wet conditions quite well, expressed views similar to those of Mr. Wootton. For the really heavy tracks which ruled in the winter, especially at Ellerslie and Trentham, tips were essential and during the very bad weather, the feet of horses were well greased in addition. This offset to a degree the mud caking inside the feet and making for discomfort and the spoiling of the grip. Here again for sandy courses when wet, full-plates were the best and enabled a horse to go faster and more firmly.

Mr. J. W. Lowe, at present in Sydney, strikes a middle-course. He expresses his belief in three-quarter plates. His own training ground at Trentham, in the Wellington province of New Zealand, provides possibly the heaviest and stickiest of conditions in winter time. Still he believes in the three-quarter plate for it provides the necessary toe-grip, yet in being tapered off towards the heel does not pick up the mud and cause it to cake to the same degree as full plates.

Mr. Lowe, in a comparison of muddy tracks, said that in Sydney at least, there were no conditions approaching to the slightest degree the conditions prevailing at times in New Zealand.

A fact also noticed which possibly is theoretical but really practical, as an argument against plates on wet days, is that they provide a good deal more suction and horses have to use up just a little extra energy in extricating their feet from a sticky track.

The men of experience also stress the point that with a bad-footed horse, who requires full plating, there is the additional problem. That type of horse is the study of the expert farrier.

Again there are the horses whose



Mr. J. Cameron.

action is all against them on a muddy track. The spikes and sharp plates which are permissible in America would not avail them to any degree. For them, when it rains, it is a case of waiting for the fine day.

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# World's Greatest Showman

(By E. J. Gravestock)

*Continued from last issue.*

One of the stunts was to have a bed in the lobby of the theatre and every morning Ahrensmeyer would put a woman in a trance, leave her in the bed all day until his act at night, when she was carried on to the stage and wakened up. There used to be an endless queue of people passing round the woman as she lay in bed asleep. Another stunt caused a lot of talk. One of his subjects sat in the office of a newspaper, and from the Holborn Empire, Ahrensmeyer put the subject in a trance over the telephone. Pins were stuck into his calves, and people crowded into the building to apply all sorts of tests, even burning his hand with a lighted cigarette, but he slept on, until the telephone receiver was placed against his ear, and Ahrensmeyer from the theatre wakened his subject. He tried to drive a coach-and-four through the streets of London blindfolded. The coach had been driven over a short course, and the test was for the hypnotist to go over the same course blindfolded. When they started off Ahrensmeyer let the reins drop loosely on the horses back, and it was quite apparent that they were not under control, but they did not get far, as the police stopped them, and the test was off. It was suggested that the horses would follow the same route as they just previously traversed. Ahrensmeyer was the craze for some time, but he quarrelled with his M.C., and tried to work on his own, but he was so illiterate, and unable to answer any questions put to him, lost his temper at one performance, and the show ended in a riot.

I remember very vividly the skating boom early this century, and the wonderful skating rink of the London Olympia. Cochran persuaded an American showman to take on the Olympia for a ten weeks season. The expense of putting down the enormous floor, and the running costs were terrific, but London went skating-mad, rinks sprung up everywhere, but the boom eventually burst, through bad management,

bad sites, and not a little scandal through married women going off with handsome skating instructors.

Some years previously P. T. Barnum, of Barnum & Bailey's Circus, of whom I will deal with another time, had successfully run a three ring circus at the Olympia, and it is a coincidence that the only rival Barnum has in reputation as a showman should experience some of his greatest successes at the Olympia. During Barnum's season at this huge auditorium, the public-houses nearby did enormous business. It must be borne in mind that at this time, they did not shut until midnight. On the strength of this business one housed changed hands, but of course with no show at the Olympia, the bottom dropped out of the business. Cochran persuaded the new licensee to back him in putting on a "Mammoth Fun City." Cochran gathered freaks and acts from the shows and circuses of the Continent. Cochran got hold of a little hump-back Indian bull, built a booth in the style of an Indian temple dressed up two Cingalese in bright native costumes to look after the bull, gilded the bull's hoof's, decorated the place with Indian rugs and tapestry, placed his food and water in gilded vessels, burnt incense, and advertised it as the "Sacred Bull of Benares." It was a very successful stunt, and attracted enormous attention. During this season "Sacco" the Fasting Man came to light again. He lived in a sealed glass house on water only, beating his previous record of forty-eight days by fasting for fifty-two days. There was an agitation in the papers that the show was degrading and unwholesome and Cochran's showman's instincts came to light. He took legal advice, and found that he could not interfere with Sacco's occupation of the premises, as they had been let to him, but he could serve him with a notice to quit, and if they forced an entry it would be at their

own risk. Cochran put Sacco wise as to what he was going to do, and secured a solicitor for him. Sacco barricaded up the glass door of his prison, and Cochran came along with a group of newspaper men and friends, and placed against the window a notification that if Sacco did not desist from his fast, and yield up the premises, he would break down the door. Sacco wrote his reply on a piece of paper saying he held the premises under agreement, and would exact the extreme penalty of the law if they interfered with him. Cochran said he would take the law into his own hands, as he would not assist a human being to commit self-murder; and instructed an assistant to break down the door. At this stage Sacco's solicitor stepped forward, and said that heavy damages might result if Cochran insisted in interfering with his client, and as Sacco's daily takings were large, they might be mulcted in a big sum. The subsequent publicity caused crowds to flock to see Sacco, and the prices were raised from 6d. to 1/-, then to 2/6 and 5/- on the final day.

Whilst the skating boom was on at the Olympia, Cochran hit on the idea of a Midget City, in the Olympia annexe. He gathered together nearly 100 dwarfs, and housed them in a miniature town with small shops, a tiny theatre, a circus, a tiny fire-station, and a tiny police-station. Thus originated "Tiny Town." Cochran with his showman's sense, set the ball a-rolling by giving them a lunch at a huge circular table in London's smartest restaurant. The next day, all London knew about Tiny Town. Many of the dwarfs were discovered by P. T. Barnum. It is said that he made £150,000 by exhibiting Tom Thumb in Europe, taking £600 a day at the old Egyptian Hall in Piccadilly.

In 1920, Charles B. Cochran, the great English showman, was at the top of the tree, he confessed he had £80,000 lying in the bank, and everything he touched seemed suc-



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cessful. He had carefully built up a series of championship fights, culminating in the Carpentier-Beckett fight, after which he had signed a new contract with Carpentier's manager for a fight with Jack Dempsey for £20,000, for the world's championship. A few years later, Cochran was down, financially bankrupt.

Getting Carpentier, the French fighter signed up was one problem, and getting Dempsey into the ring was another, and holding Carpentier was still another problem. Descamps, Carpentier's manager, was bombarded with extraordinary offers for Carpentier. Cochran deposited £5,000 with *Sporting Life*, as his first deposit called for by the contract, and sailed to America to try and sign up with Dempsey. William Fox then of Fox Films, was reported as having offered £110,000 for the fight, 75 per cent. to the winner, and 25 to the loser. Cochran's contract called for the fight to take place in England, but Descamps had agreed that Carpentier would go to America if required. Cochran estimated that the

fight would draw at least £100,000 if it took place in London. Cochran's arrival in New York was a front page story for the newspapers, the American press were anxious to have a local syndicate back the fight, but it was quickly realised that Cochran was the only genuine bidder. He had deposited £40,000 in an American bank to back up any contract he should make. Tex Rickard eventually came on the scene, and Cochran learned that he had a private arrangement with Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager. He had been keeping in the background, hoping that Cochran's contract had a time limit, or that he would give up the proposition. At this time there was a tremendous lot of opposition to the fight, an agitation had been raised against Dempsey because, it was alleged, he had been a "slacker" during the war, and had not joined up. Also the local Governments were opposed to the fight taking place in New York or New Jersey. These conditions did not worry Cochran, as he wanted the fight to take place in England, but

Dempsey wanted it to take place in America.

*(To be continued).*

## GOLF CLUB

The June outing took the form of a Mixed Canadian Foursome and Men's Four-Ball Best Ball v. Par Competitions at New South Wales golf course, the former proving the more popular over 30 pairs competing, the winners being Mr. Tom Fitzsimmons, the popular captain of the Manly Golf Club and Mrs. Nettlefold, the wife of our handicapper, with a net score of 54, six strokes ahead of the runners-up, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Robinson.

The club captain, Mr. S. Chatterton, and Mr. E. A. Ireland won the Men's Four-Ball.

The next competition will be a "Coleman Bowl" event at The Lakes, 11th July.

Annual Ball, 20th July. Reservations to be made at Tattersall's Club office.

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come a noble institution and world-famed.

Really speaking, the birth of the Club dates back a further five years, when, in 1855, the Nahl brothers, Arthur and Charles, erected a gymnasium at the rear of their home and offered the hand of goodfellowship to a few friends to compete in gymnastic prowess. From this beginning was to grow the Olympic Club of 1935 with its 5,000 members and truly palatial home.

The Nahl brothers and a band of pioneers met on the date mentioned earlier, drew up their own set of by-laws, and selected the site for the first home of the Olympic. This was at the corner of New Montgomery and Market Streets. The

ganised body set about giving a gala entertainment for charity and this proved to be a huge success. Thus fired to better deeds, the Club controlled social functions on a large scale, and an invitation to be present at same, became the desire of the elite.

Naturally, the committee was besieged with applications for membership and a move was made to larger quarters on Market Street, between Sansome and Montgomery, and the Club roll had mounted to 500. It was round about this time that the first seeds of dissatisfaction were sown. Really the Club had grown too quickly, and two factions sprang up. One side desired a purely social Club, and the other, an athletic club. There resulted a parting of the ways, and the "social" element brought into being the California Olympic Club, in 1871.

There was a reconciliation two years later, through the efforts of Reuben Lloyd, and ever since the Olympic has gone from one triumph to another.

It cannot be said that the Club has enjoyed an unbroken run of success, for on two occasions, its premises have been razed as the result of fire. First time in June, 1883, and secondly on April 18th, 1906. But, after each setback, the Club's controllers set about building a bigger and better Club than before. Let us now peep at the results of their labours.

To-day, the Club stands completely remodelled and on April 23rd last, was thrown open for inspection, and between the hours of 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. over 8,000 people were bewildered by its stately magnificence.

On the roof, which is reached by the speediest elevators invented, is situated the Sun Solarium, thirdded into two havens for "tan seekers" and one glass-enclosed parlour, capable of accomodating 200 members; and, directly opposite, modern style showers and wash rooms.

Next we visit the new handball courts and view same from special



*The Swimming Pool.*

There is an old saying that "small beginnings often have large endings," and truly can same be applied to the Club in question.

The Olympic is the oldest Club dedicated to athletic endeavour in the United States.

On May 6, 1860, when San Francisco was in its infancy, a band of friends met and formulated plans for the organisation of what has be-

ground floor was occupied as a coal yard, and for the loft, the Olympians paid 100 dollars per month as rent.

The new quarters were soon to prove quite inadequate, for when 75 people wedged their way through the door, the "house full" sign was displayed, but the Club was soon to enjoy envied patronage.

At Platt's Hall, the now well or-

"clear-view balconies" from which spectators are enabled to watch progress on three, regulation size enclosures. Accommodation has been provided for 300 persons.

Leaving the handball courts, next journey is through the court entrance corridor to the four-walled squash courts galley. Squash racquets is the most rapidly developing sport of the Club.

The trek from the fourth floor to the second mainly covers members living and bedroom quarters and employees' departments, but, in passing, we encounter the card room with its green-topped tables and elaborate furnishings, whilst just beyond, and shielded from the masses, for those who desire a quiet game, provision is made for dominoes, checker and chess players.

On the same floor is to be found the billiard room in which five new tables have been installed, and spectators provided for on lavish scale with referee chairs and other comforts.

Next descent brings us to the main lounge, but before leaving the scene completely, we pause to admire the billiard foyer. Located here; an elevator entrance, drinking fountain and cushioned bench, and, before it is forgotten, it is well to mention that in the card room will be found a small, but very efficient on-the-spot service bar. And, now to the main lounge.

#### THE LOUNGE.

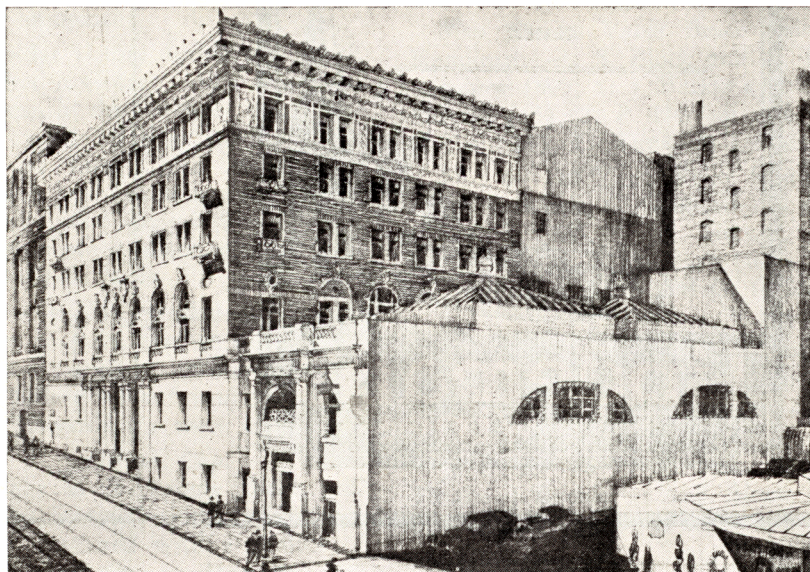
Here is the rendezvous ideal, 73.2 by 24.6 and has been described as "richly restful." Plentifully bedecked with handsomely furnished divan and easy chairs, the decorations represent the last word in that art. It opens on to a second lobby, radio room, dining room and grand stairway to gaming rooms, while at one corner will be found a small passage way leading to an open-air, deck-chaired sun porch.

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#### DINING ROOM.

The dining room, with its veritable sea of snow-white, linen-topped tables, is a joy to the eye, but

that is not all. A visitor will pause for closer inspection of the interesting panel decorations, the transformed ceiling scheme, the royal drapes and tranquil lighting. Seating accommodation is set down as 200, and with its newly installed cooling system and refreshing surroundings, the Olympic Dining Room is fully deserving of its title of "Finest in San Francisco."



*Exterior view of the Club.*

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Departing from the gym., we come to the Grill Room. Equipped with all modern bar accessories, a new mahogany-topped bar, green-surfaced chairs and tables, decorative, soft wall lamps, a glistening behind-the-bar mirror, this room offers every type of short-order food and drink refreshment.

Next we enter the flower-laden lobby, and to our right we find the

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#### BASEMENT.

And, now to the basement and shower room. Here is further splendour, as witness: (1) steam room, temperature 118 degrees; (2) hot room, with its reclining deck chairs, carpeted floor and temperature 160 degrees; (3) cooling room with its marbled bench and temperature 116 degrees. And, so to the swimming pool, 35 by 100 by 9, the temperature is 72 degrees. The pool holds 180,000 gallons of water and is emptied three times each week.

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## Pool Splashes

The battle in the Swimming Pool for the Dewar Cup waxes hot, though the final decision is now fined down to Messrs. Godhard and Block.

The season closes this month for a few months' rest before starting again in October.

But before that swimmers will have at least one dip for at the Swimming Club's Annual Ball on August 17 there is sure to be a race for members and their friends just to add novelty to the proceedings.

A new idea in the Pool has set members full of joy, especially the forgetful ones.

Many a time we have seen members go to the Pool for their swim at night before dressing for some function or other and many a time we've heard the groans as the discovery has been made that the dress shirt, collar, studs or links have been left behind.

What a quandary? What to do with all the shops closed and the good wife waiting?

That's all ended now, for the Club, in its usual progressive way, has arranged for a display and the sale of all dress essentials in the Athletic Department.

The Pool has been looking like a

Rugby Union Convention lately with Les Herron, Alf Rainbow and Vic Richards in regular attendance, and just to show how cosmopolitan is our club it need only be mentioned that during the month Reub. Clayton had the Country Rugby League players in the Pool, to their great enjoyment.

Popular victory during the month was that of George Goldie, who had not been in the limelight since February until he won the 60 yards final on June 18 in great style. George's position of seventh on the season's point score is a great feat for he rarely contests anything further than 60 yards.

John Buckle, landed his second victory in June, over 40 yards, coming home easily at an outside quote after failing when favourite in Goldie's 60 yards the week before.

### *Dewar Cup.*

Looks as if Sammy Block will have to drown to stop himself from being presented with a replica of the "Dewar" Cup on August 17, for to date he has a lead of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  points on Godhard.

Previous winners of the trophy, Alec Richards (twice), Hans Robertson and "Pete" Hunter were not in the running though Godhard made a great battle of it with Block.

Points to date are:—A. S. Block,

$73\frac{1}{2}$ ; C. Godhard, 65; S. Carroll, 58; K. Hunter,  $52\frac{1}{2}$ ; V. Richards, 49; J. Dexter,  $46\frac{1}{2}$ ; G. Goldie,  $42\frac{1}{2}$ ; A. Richards,  $37\frac{1}{2}$ ; J. Buckle, 31.

### *Point Score Races.*

May 23—80 Yards Handicap, Final:—S. Carroll, 1; A. S. Block, 2; C. Godhard, 3. Time, 56 secs.

May 30—80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap:—A. S. Block and A. F. Rainbow (50), 1; J. Buckle and K. Hunter (45), 2; P. Hernon and J. Pooley (43), 3. Time,  $49\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

June 6—120 Yards Relay Handicap:—J. Buckle, C. Godhard and A. S. Block (73), 1; K. Hunter, S. Carroll and A. E. Rainbow (69), 2; P. Hernon, L. Rein and G. Goldie (78), 3. Time, 73 secs.

June 13—60 Yards Handicap, Final:—G. Goldie, 1; A. S. Block, 2; C. Godhard, 3. Time,  $54\frac{2}{5}$  secs.

June 20—40 Yards Handicap, Final:—J. Buckle, 1; A. S. Block, 2; K. Hunter, 3. Time,  $23\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

May-June Point Score:—A. S. Block,  $14\frac{1}{2}$  points, 1; C. Godhard,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ , 2; S. Carroll and J. Buckle, 9, 3; K. Hunter, 8, 5; A. F. Rainbow, 7, 6.

June-July Point Score:—With two races to go the leaders were, A. S. Block, 6; G. Goldie, 5; J. Buckle, 5; C. Godhard, 3; K. Hunter, 2; S. Carroll, 2.

## Handball Club Formed

On June 12, a Handball Club was formed to stand alongside the Golf, Bowls and Swimming Clubs in catering for the well-being of members.

The inaugural meeting took the form of a dinner in the Club at which most of the men interested were present under the Chairmanship of our Club Chairman, Mr. W. W. Hill, himself a very keen exponent of the game.

Election of officers resulted: Mr. W. W. Hill as first President; Captain, Mr. G. S. Williams; Hon.

Handicapper, Mr. Pat Hernon; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. S. Block.

These gentlemen will act as the Executive Committee and the Club is extremely fortunate in getting such enthusiasts to fill the positions.

A membership fee of five shillings was fixed.

The President announced that Mr. John Searcy had donated a handsome Cup, to be known as the "Searcy" Cup, for competition.

Conditions are that the series shall be an open handicap in which the competitor gaining most points in three years shall take the trophy outright.

Another trophy, for the Club Championship, came from Mr. Hill and this will be played for in the form of a Knockout Competition, best two games of three, 31 up.

A "B" Grade competition will also be held in addition to a tournament for those members who play in the evenings.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME



THURSDAY, 4th JULY. 7.45 p.m. Inter-Club Games: Tattersall's Club v. Masonic Club, at Tattersall's Club.

SATURDAY, 20th JULY. . . . Golf Club Ball.

THURSDAY, 1st AUG. 7.45 p.m. Inter-Club Games: City Tattersall's Club v. Tattersall's Club at Tattersall's Club.

SATURDAY, 17th AUGUST. . . Swimming Club Ball.

THURSDAY, 5th SEPT. 7.45 p.m. Inter-Club Games: Commercial Travellers' Assn. v. Tattersall's Club, at Tattersall's Club.

SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER. Tattersall's Club Race Meeting at Randwick.  
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Additional interest was added to the evening's proceedings by the presentation of the "Williams" Cup to Mr. Z. Lazarus, who was so victorious during the past two seasons.

Various matters referring to the game were discussed and a resolution was passed to have a line painted across the wall of the court six inches above the floor with tin or wood in the space between such line and the floor, and if the ball in service or in play hits the wall below the line the point shall be lost to the player just hitting the ball.

The Committee will consider the advisability of having the rules of the game printed, as there appears to be some doubt about them.

Even "Pete" Hunter, who has been playing in the Club for years, expressed himself a bit uncertain.

As far as is known the only rules of Handball obtainable apply to the OUTDOOR game which is played on a large court with walls on three sides. Naturally the game in the Club has had to be modified somewhat from this to make an INDOOR game which is played in only a few Swimming Clubs in Sydney on the same lines as in Tattersall's.

For instance, at the Domain Baths there are a couple of Handball courts, one at The Spit Baths, another at Rushcutter's Bay and one at Bondi Baths.

All of these are of varying sizes and shapes and local rules govern the play.

As far as Tattersall's Club goes the same thing applies and rules founded on OUTDOOR Handball have been made and these will be

gone into so that the Committee may have printed a standard set of rules.

A suggestion was made by Mr. J. Buckle that players who walk or run up to serve should be restrained so that only a standing service should be allowed.

After discussion, however, it was decided that little, if any, advantage accrued from walking or running to serve and the matter was left as it was.

Another matter exercising the minds of players is that of the best balls for the game. Various makes are to be tried out in order to find the ball most suitable for all games in the Club.

Arrangements are well in hand for the opening of the season this month and Mr. Block will welcome intending members with open arms.

## Billiards

### CUEING EXPLAINED.

To be successful, this shot must be played with all the left-hand "side" you can safely give it, whilst the strength shall be only sufficient to attain the objective and no more.

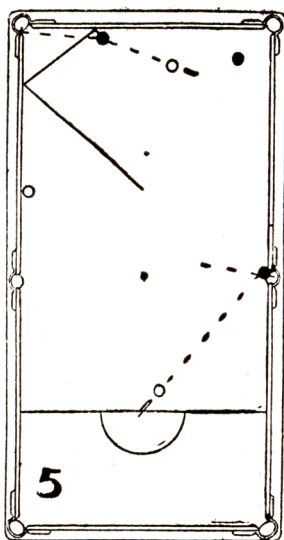


Illustration shows two shots which frequently occur at billiards and snooker. Correct method of playing will be found in accompanying article.

Contact should be made almost full, but favouring left of centre, and, if struck correctly the pink will drop into the pocket and the white will

come to rest in easy lie for the ensuing shot on the black.

There has been much argument and ink spilt in years gone by, as to whether the opposite "side" put on the cue-ball is transmitted to the object ball. No good purpose can be served by going into that phase of the matter now, but you can take it for granted that if this shot is played as directed, the effect will be a certain score. It is the "kiss" that does the trick and the scientific explanation is of no matter; it would mean a lengthy trip into the realm of dynamics all to no purpose. Our old friend Sir Isaac Newton used up volumes to prove his laws of gravitation, but the schoolboy boils the whole lot down to one phrase: "What goes up must come down," and few will argue but that he is right.

### BILLIARD SHOT.

The billiard shot depicted is one which happens over and over again in every game. It is a plain run-through, but most players, in their desire to make the score, concentrate too solidly on attaining the pocket rather than playing freely and with a view to "position." Actually, all that is needed is plenty

Winter months provide one time in the year when members become billiard minded and the tables enjoy their busiest period. There is very good reason for this state of affairs, as the Club provides plenty of incentive to cue wielders in the way of attractive prize money for those capable of defeating the opposition in the annual tournaments. This year is no exception to the rule, and by the time this issue of the magazine reaches the reader, speculation will be rife as to who is logical favourite on handicaps allotted. In the diagram appearing on this page, two shots are illustrated which will probably occur on dozens of occasions during the tournament, and a hint on how to play them correctly should be welcome. In the first place, let us deal with the snooker shot. For the purposes of this explanation, let it be assumed that only the black and pink balls are on the table. It will be noticed that the pink is hard up against the jaw of the centre pocket and the cue-ball just out from baulk. The idea is to pot the pink and gain position on the major colour—but, how?



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of cushion "side" on the cue-ball with almost full contact. In this shot, the "follow-through" of the cue-arm is most essential and success will not be attained without it. With the stroke being executed at the top end of the table, the main object is to get the first contact ball into the centre of the table for the following losing-hazard and the slower and more evenly it is made, the greater certainty of success.

When played at the bottom end, one can be a little more lavish in imparting speed as it will be essential to drive the object ball out of baulk, but, once confidence has been gained, this bugbear of a shot to the majority of players, becomes one of the easiest on the table.

#### THE RULES.

It is well to remind members that in the current tournaments, the rules which shall apply are those issued by the Billiards and Control Council of England. This warning is deemed necessary owing to the fact that it has become fashionable for every other player to have his own interpretation of certain points, and particularly those referring to a snooker after a foul. One very important rule is that in the absence of a referee, the marker automatically adopts that role and his decision is absolutely final. Rule 20 says "he shall be the only judge of fair and unfair play, and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the game, and shall, of his own initiative, interfere if he observes any contravention to the rules. He shall decide any question of fact connected with the play, and if he has failed to observe any incident, he

may take the evidence of spectators best situated to assist in his decision. He will not give advice, or express opinions on points affecting play." Added to what has already been written, the marker shall, according to rule 21, "keep and call the scores, hand the rest, spot the balls, and attend the players."

#### A NEWCOMER.

The coming of a new champion is hailed in every sport, and it seems that the youthful Alby Johnson of Sydney is well on the road to be named among the great in the billiard sphere.

Johnson is still in his teens, but of recent months has turned fully professional and at the moment is doing a tour of northern Queensland. That he is gifted much above the ordinary is beyond question. He has already carved a name for himself up north by making an 827 break at Toowoomba in an exhibition game whilst on his journey to Mackay. But, that was not his only success on the trip. At Southport, he knocked up 217 in a game of 500 up, and followed this the next night with runs of 192, 156 and 123 over a similar stretch.

The youthful champion (he is 17 years of age) is of quiet demeanour and of the type one is always glad to see at the top of the tree. He is a well mannered boy and far removed from bombastic disposition which all too frequently mars the bearing of the gifted.

#### GREAT ENGLISH PLAYER.

The Empire Championship which has just concluded in England, served to remind us once again that

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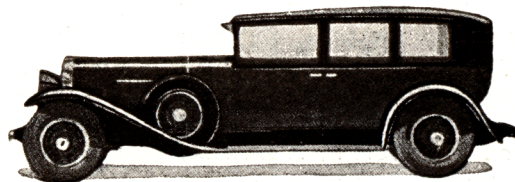
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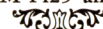
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It is undeniable that money is paramount in all lives and has played a greater part in history than anything else—from the time when Judas betrayed Jesus for silver and Marco Polo found Chinese making banknotes out of mulberry bark—although the fairer sex, in unguarded moments, sometimes receive credit for being the Alpha and Omega of everything that matters.

One description of money is that "it is what the other man takes from you in exchange for what you want." The quotation appears cruel, but in reality it is true. Slaves have been sold and even though barter may enter bargaining, money value is the basis of all exchange. The farthing has been dropped from Australian currency although it is



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still retained in England. In this regard, a well-known Sydney firm of retailers tried a stunt a couple of years back; they advertised a certain line of goods at 7/11½ and handed out the correct change, but an unsympathetic government stepped in and prevented a continuance. Thus was the farthing officially dropped so far as this country is concerned.

Let us take a peep into antique coinage.

### FISH-HOOKS.

Authentic data tells of fish-hooks, beads, hawks and hounds being used as accepted money equal, whilst early Virginians bought wives with tobacco.

Gold and silver brought about the stabilisation of currency, and to the metals named can be given credit for lifting the human race to present standards.

Metal-disk money had its birth in Lydia at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, about 2,600 years ago. To-day, its most ambitious form is to be found in the dollar of Uncle Sam.

### SHELLS.

Cowrie shells are credited with being the first money used and

in remote parts, is used to this day. Cowrie can boast that more people have used it than have clinked metal disks in all their varieties. It has been used as a means of

exchange more than any other medium devised by man.

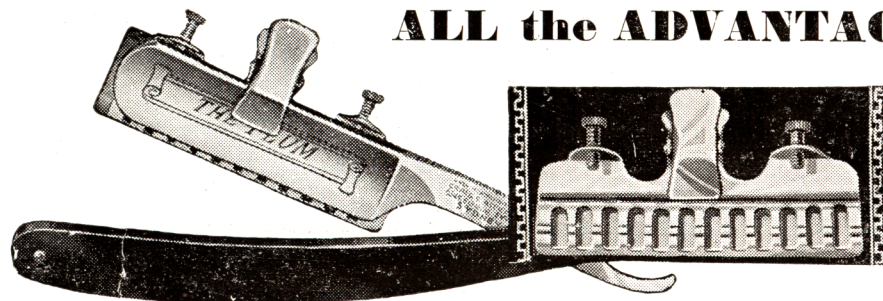
Cowrie is still used in portions of Africa, India and the South Seas, but its last ambitious attempt was made a generation back on the West Coast of Africa.

The cash of China, coins with holes in them, still dominate marts in many parts of the Asiatic world. There are in existence, coins dated 1079 B.C. and similar pieces, believed to belong to an even earlier period.

The earliest Chinese coins are believed to have been miniature spades uninscribed and without perforation and with open shank for inserting a handle. Authorities place the latter "banknotes" at about 2000 B.C. The holed coins were probably brought into being by an inventive commercial mind which seized the opportunity of "selling" a range of carriers, which consisted of various kinds of string on to which the coins could be threaded, or taken as required. This "string" business must have been the birth of the modern note wallet.

### NAILS.

Nails were once used for money in Scotland, and it has been definitely established that during the



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war when the German mark was skidding down to zero, postmasters in remote parts of Germany used shoe-nails for small change purposes.

It is nearly 3000 years back to the time of Homer, when there was no such thing in the Western world as money. Folk bartered goats for rugs and, the habit of haggling which is not unknown to-day, is probably an heirloom which has been handed down through the years. At this time, the oxen became much prized and a gallant knight could buy a serviceable suit of armour for 10 oxen, but records show that armour of choice workmanship brought as much as 50 oxen.

Few, probably, are aware that the present-day much used word pecuniary, gets its derivation from 'pecus,' the old way of referring to cattle, and because the latter were used as money.

Sheep ranked low on the financial scale hereabouts and were reckoned as 10 to an ox. The great trouble with cattle money was that it frequently walked away when left untethered.

#### COPPER.

On the island of Cyprus, the next step in currency found general favour. The inhabitants found a way of extracting metal from the soil, and the Romans twisted the name of the island in such manner that the modern word "copper" was derived therefrom, and copper pots came into favour as money. It was better than cattle, too, as it could be carried and would stay put when set down.

Italy, as it awoke from barbarism, adopted a unit of copper as a measure of value. It called the unit as, "a Roman pound of 12 unciae, or ounces," and it came into general use.

A study of the development of coin-making, that started in Lydia, under Greek influence, gives evidence of the magnificence of civilization that developed in that area. The Greeks early set standards in architecture and sculpture, and the coins, struck several centuries before Christ from dies cut by master artists, are more beautiful than any

minted to-day by great nations with all the accessories of science.

Though copper was recognised as being too bulky, it held sway until another metal came along which was considered better—silver. Two centuries before Caesar ruled, silver had come to stay. In the 8th Century, Charlemagne of France, decreed that a pound of silver should be the basic measure of value.

#### SILVER.

The English began to take on the idea of the "pound of silver" and originally, 240 pennies were made out of the amount of metal stated.

The English word "shilling" has a geographical origin. It was first used by the blonde barbarians of the north. These warriors and their opponents were given silver rings to wear on the arms, and after battles, the rings from the arms of the slain were highly prized. The rings were so made that they broke into small pieces and those bits were called "schillingas," and thus came about the "nimble Robert" of 1935.

That gold had ever been lurking in the background may be gathered from the Psalmist who wrote: "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold," but it was left to Darius the Great

who reigned from 521 to 485 B.C. to introduce gold coinage known as the "daric" which is derived from a Persian word meaning gold.

#### GOLD.

It is a long step from the aforementioned dates to 1848, but in that year, James Marshall, while building a sawmill at Eldorado County, California, picked up a lump of gold. That started the gold rush to the Pacific Coast. In 1887 gold was discovered in Australia, and it had also been found in South Africa in 1885, and we now come to a part when the reader probably knows the story as well as the writer. We had our gold currency, but it has gone as a medium of exchange so far as the man in the street is concerned, although its possession by the nation is directly reflected on the welfare of the people.

#### PAPER.

To-day, metal money forms but a small fraction of our exchange. Nearly everything big is done by cheque, notes, bills of exchange, and the like, which perform the same function of money in exchange of commodities. Maybe our way is best, but the world is ever moving onward. Can anyone forecast the next move?

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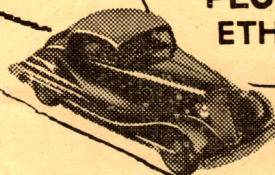
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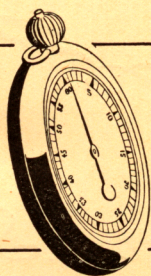


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